

## Message Text

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ACTION EA-09

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FM AMEMBASSY RANGOON  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINT  
SUBJ: DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COOPERATIVES RESIGNS

1. A TERSE ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE DAILY PRESS STATED THAT U THEIN HTOON DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COOPERATIVES WAS "PERMITTED TO RESIGN" ON JULY 29. U THEIN HTOO ALSO RESIGNED AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY ON THE SAME DAY. NO REPLACEMENT HAS YET BEEN NAMED.

2. DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES IN RANGOON SPECULATED THAT THIS RESIGNATION MAY BE THE FIRST OF THE RUMORED LARGE RESHUFFLE OF GUB CABINET AND SUB-CABINET LEVEL POSITIONS. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO SEVERAL RELIABLE SOURCES WITHIN THE GUB, U THEIN HTOO'S RESIGNATION HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH A POSSIBLE RESHUFFLE OR WITH POLICY MATTERS OR POLITICAL MANEUVERINGS. IT SEEMS THAT U THEIN HTOO HAS RECENTLY TAKEN A SECOND WIFE. THIS IS PERFECTLY LEGAL UNDER BURMESE LAW, BUT IT IS CONTRARY TO THE POLICY OF THE BURMA SOCIALIST PROGRAM PARTY WHICH PRESCRIBES ONLY ONE SPOUSE PER MEMBER. U THEIN HTOO CHOSE POLYGAMY OVER PARTY AND RESIGNED HIS POSITIONS. AS FAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE NOTHING FURTHER SHOULD BE READ INTO THIS PARTICULAR RESIGNATION.  
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## Message Attributes

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